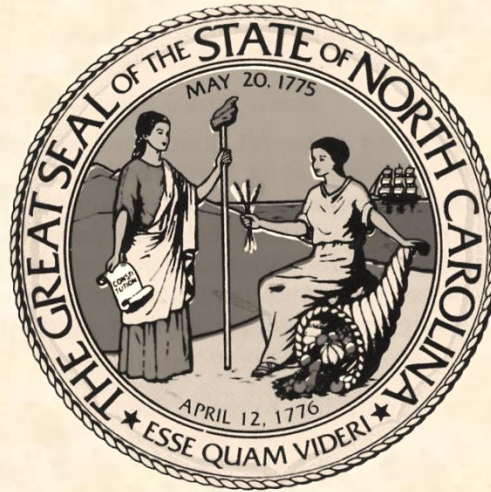


# Instant Runoff Voting



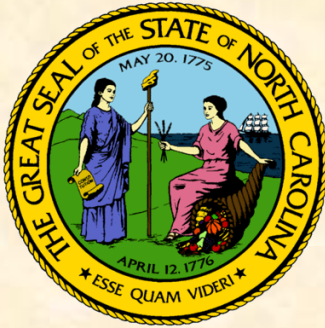
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# General Statute 163-329

Directs the State Board of Elections to conduct Instant Runoff Voting if a vacancy is created in the office of justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals, or judge of superior court under certain conditions.

# What Is Instant Runoff Voting?

Instant Runoff Voting combines the Primary and Election Day into one election.


Voters will select their 1<sup>st</sup> choice for IRV contests like every other contest on the ballot, but they will rank their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choices in the event the first round results produce no majority winner.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING:**  
a. Choose up to 3 candidates for the following office in order of your preference: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.  
b. Select a different candidate for each choice.  
c. Your 2nd and 3rd choices will not count against your 1st choice; they will only be considered in a runoff if your 1st choice is not in the runoff.

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# How Instant Runoff Voting Works

## First Round of Counting

Voters select their 1<sup>st</sup> choice for an office just as they have done in previous elections. Additionally, voters may select their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choices. The voters' 1<sup>st</sup> choices are tallied and are reported unofficially on Election Night. If a candidate gets a majority of 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes, more than 50% of votes cast, then they are certified as the winner at Canvass and no further counting is necessary.

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# How Instant Runoff Voting Works

## How are the votes counted?

If a voter's first choice candidate is not in the runoff, a second choice vote for either of the two runoff candidates will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if the voter's first or second choice candidate is not in the runoff. After all counting is concluded, the candidate with the most first and second round total votes wins the election.

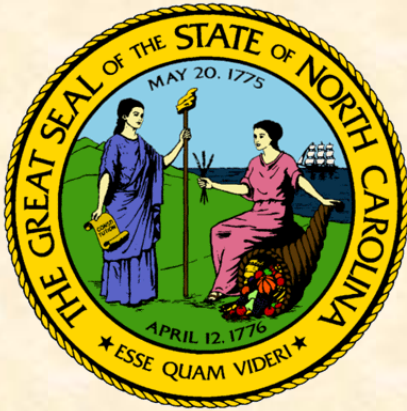
# Marking Your IRV Ballot

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- 1) Mark your first choice in the first column, then mark your 2nd and 3rd choices in the appropriate columns.
- 2) Select a different candidate for each choice.
- 3) Your 2nd or 3rd choices will not count against your first choice.
- 4) If your first choice candidate is not in the runoff, then a second choice vote for either of the two runoff candidates will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if your first or second choice candidate is not in the runoff.



# For More Information



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